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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Notice Date: May 23, 2013

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP &  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
SCOPING MEETING**

**LAGUNITAS CREEK WATERSHED  
SEDIMENT REDUCTION AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT  
BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT**

**Friday, June 28, 2013  
9:30 am to 12:30 am  
Marin Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Room  
2200 Nellen Avenue  
Corte Madera, CA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) staff will hold a public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting to seek public input regarding the scope, content, and potential impacts of actions needed to achieve the Lagunitas Creek Watershed Sediment Reduction and Habitat Enhancement Basin Plan amendment. The meeting time and location are provided above.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Water Board has designated Lagunitas Creek as impaired due to: a) excessive deposition of sand and finer sediment in the streambed; and b) channel habitat simplification. The proposed Basin Plan amendment is a water quality restoration plan designed to facilitate conservation of threatened and/or endangered steelhead, coho salmon, and California freshwater shrimp populations, by reducing the supply of sand and finer sediment, and by enhancing aquatic habitat complexity and connectivity. The Basin Plan amendment will call for:

- a) A total maximum daily load (TMDL) for sediment and related actions to control and reduce sediment discharges to channels that are contributed from roads, rangelands, and construction activities;
- b) Actions to increase the frequency of large fallen trees in channels; and
- c) Actions to restore connectivity between channels and floodplains.

Note: b) and c) above are effective both for the control of excessive rates of channel erosion, and for enhancement of stream and riparian habitat quality.

In the coming months, Water Board staff will propose an amendment to the Basin Plan that will:

1. Establish a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for sediment in the Lagunitas Creek watershed, including targets and allocations to identified sources of sediment, and also targets for habitat enhancement.
2. Establish an implementation plan to achieve the sediment TMDL and enhance habitat complexity and connectivity.

### **MEETING FORMAT**

The meeting will be held in two parts. First, we will hold a public workshop where we will provide a description of the Lagunitas Creek sediment TMDL, followed by a question and answer session. Immediately following the workshop, Water Board staff will open a public scoping meeting, pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.), on the TMDL project. The Water Board is required by CEQA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the TMDL and will incorporate this environmental analysis into the TMDL staff report and Basin Plan amendment. During the scoping session, staff will discuss and take comments from the public on the scope and content of the project and its potential environmental impacts. Scoping helps the Water Board identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and potentially significant environmental effects to be analyzed in the environmental analysis.

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